

Blind Girl's War Role Revealed

Works as Braille Censor in Honolulu; Wins Her Award by U. S.

HONOLULU. — Mrs. Helen Gray Nawaas can get a little of that rest she's been needing for some time now that all censorship in Hawaii has ceased, says the Associated Press.

While she's resting, she occasionally can slide her sensitive fingertips over a certificate of merit and smile softly with inner pride at its proof that she, too, did her share in the war.

It was awarded her by Byron Price, former director of censorship at Washington, D. C., in recognition of her "excellent service" in a censor in this vital Pacific territory. It's a mighty nice looking document indeed.

Helen Nawaas is blind.

Ironically, it was that very blindness that made her invaluable to her country during the war, because since April, 1944, she has helped censor a thousand letters which passed through the Honolulu post office — letters written in Braille to the blind.

Helen learned to read Braille long ago, but when the war broke out it didn't occur to her that such an ability might be needed.

"I was afraid at first that I wouldn't be much help to the war effort," she said.

But she practiced her typing and got a civilian job — as typist and proofreader in Braille for the territorial bureau of sight conservation.

Then one day a year and a half ago she learned that the censors were looking for some one to read Braille correspondence.

"I volunteered gladly," she said.

Although she didn't mention it, W. Alan Graves, Honolulu postal censor, pointed out that it was a non-paying job which meant she had to keep her other job, too.

Then started a system strange in the annals of censorship. It was surprising how many soldiers, sailors, marines and defense workers at Pearl Harbor, Hickam field, and elsewhere in the islands had blind relatives back home.

Postal censors were not being pugnacious about watching the Braille letters. During the last war there were several instances when enemy agents sought to smuggle in channels by which regular mail channels by that method.

Reads Letters Aloud.

As soon as her day's work was done Helen would walk carefully over the familiar route to the federal building where if censorship need was imperative, she simply postponed her own work and hurried to the postal censor's office.

"I would read the Braille letters aloud to a sighted person who was the real censor," she explained. The censor would tell her what to eliminate.

"Most correspondence was sent by defense workers or by army and navy men to their blind wives, sisters, or girl friends," she recalled.

News of the work she was doing spread rapidly, and elsewhere throughout this part of the Pacific military censors — lacking trained Braille readers — routed their mail to Honolulu for "reading" by Mrs. Nawaas.

And for the first time since the war started many servicemen were able to write directly to loved ones. No longer did they have to be careful to write only things that could be read aloud by a third person when letters were received back home.

Pencilin, Ice Cream

Cure for Strep Throat

SAN DIEGO.—Pencilin, mixed with ice cream, is being used successfully to treat throat and mouth infections at the U. S. Naval Training center here, navy doctors revealed.

Doctors said they used the compound to treat streptococcus throat infection, trench mouth, scarlet fever and other ailments. Ten doses were given to a patient, even the most severe case.

The compound is available by prescription. It costs \$1.50 a year, advance.

PETER B. PEEVE

ACT IN HASTE REPENT AT LEISURE

German Wives Start Boom in Divorces

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, GERMANY. — German wives are filing divorce actions at a rate 10 times that of 1942, headquarters of United States forces in Europe reported. Harder living conditions were listed as one of the main causes for complaint, but occasionally politics was the issue, an army report said.

Jewels for the Hair

This gem-like hairdress derives its chic from the sleek waves directed toward the nape of the neck. The hair is parted in the middle, waved toward the back on either side with rhinestone studded combs tucked into the center of each separate wave.



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Blinded War Veterans Learn to Play Music

NEW YORK.—Boys blinded in this war (there are less than 1,000) have been taught to play musical instruments in their lives, are learning to play.

To teach them, the army special services is doing some entirely new things with music.

For the first time, these soldiers are being taught to read Braille music. Civilian always have been able to get scores of classical music in Braille. But not even they could buy a popular tune and learn to play the hit melodies they hear over their radios.

Such tunes are not only easy for the amateur to master, but are more likely to capture the imagination, revive incentive and belief in personal accomplishment of boys of soldier age.

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Phillips Secretarial College

The closing event for the Fall Quarter at Phillips Secretarial College was the annual Christmas assembly, held at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, December 18. The College Glee Club, under the leadership of Miss Nelly Mattox, member of the faculty, presented the program of Christmas Carols.

T. A. Bergman, vice-president of the College, presented approximately one hundred certificates earned by students during the past thirty days.

Harry G. Green, president of the College, presented diplomas to the graduates. Included were Miss Vivian Jones, Concord Depot, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Jones.

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